

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2789 - SB 3640**

February 9, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes suspension of students for assault of a school bus driver or other school personnel. Requires a local education agency's code of conduct to address behavior on school buses. Requires each code of conduct to state that a teacher, principal, school employee, or school bus driver may use reasonable force in compliance with § 49-6-4107. Authorizes a school bus driver to use reasonable force to maintain discipline on his or her bus and requires the bus driver to report misconduct to the principal or principal's designee as soon as practicable but no later than the first school day after the conduct occurred, if the incident happened on an afterschool bus route. Establishes a defense against a civil action for damages if a teacher, principal, school employee, or bus driver used reasonable force in the exercise of their lawful authority to restrain the student or prevent bodily harm or death to another person.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Any increase in local expenditures to expand current codes of conduct to address behavior on school buses will be not significant.
- No fiscal impact on state government.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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